2006 03/22 WED 15:30 FAX 216 752 0957 LAW OFFICE HOWARD M COHN

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

Ø001/013

MAR 2 2 2006

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION BY FACSIMILE (37 CFR 1.8) Applicant(s): Cheng, et al.				Docket No. FIS920040211US1
Application No. 10/711,145	Filing Date August 27, 2004	Examiner Phillip Green		Group Art Unit 2823
Invention: MAINTAINING UNIFORM CMP HARD MASK THICKNESS				
I hereby certify that this Amendment				
(Identify type of correspondence) Is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Fax. No. \$27-273-8300				
on March 22, 2006				
(Date)	.			
				ŢŢ.
Howard M. Cohn (Apple or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate)				
				A Certificate)
Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing.				
		•		1

Appl. No. 10/711,145 Amdt. Dated 03/22/2006 Reply to Office action of December 28, 2005

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER MAR 2 2 2006

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Confirmation No. 5144

In re

: Application of Chen, et al.

For

: MAINTAINING UNIFORM CMP HARD MASK THICKNESS

Serial No. : 10/711,145 Filed : August 27, 2004

Group Art Unit : 2823

Examiner : Phillip Green

Our Docket No.: FIS920040211US1

Customer No. : 24036

March 22, 2006

By Fax 571-273-8300

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2005 having a shortened statutory period of response set to expire on March 28, 2006.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.